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LETTER DATED 31 MARCH 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In my capacity as Chairman of the Group of Arab States for the month of March 1994, I have the honour to transmit the text of resolution 5373, adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States on 27 March 1994, entitled "Coercive measures and threats by the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya".

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ali Ahmed ELHOUDERI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
Chairman of the Group of Arab States
for the month of March 1994

Annex

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES ON 27 MARCH 1994

Coercive measures and threats by the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

The Council of the League of Arab States,

Recalling its resolutions 5156 of 5 December 1991, 5158 of 16 January 1992, 5161 of 22 March 1992, 5224 of 13 September 1992, 5281 of 19 April 1993, and 5328 of 21 September 1993 relating to the coercive measures and threats by the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France against the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya,

Recalling also the provisions of Article 33 of the United Nations Charter, which provides for settlement of disputes by negotiation, mediation and judicial settlement,

Expressing its profound concern at the damage sustained in human and material terms by the Libyan people and the peoples of neighbouring countries as a result of the coercive measures imposed on it under Security Council resolutions 748 (1992) and 882 (1993),

Expressing also its profound satisfaction at the constructive initiatives proposed by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to overcome the crisis and its full implementation of the obligations imposed under Security Council resolution 731 (1992),

Stating its profound concern that the crisis has been exacerbated by recourse to additional sanctions, and to the threat of the use of force as a means of governing relations between States, in violation of all international conventions and of the principles of international law,

Stating also its satisfaction at the efforts made by the Commission of Seven and the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States to find a peaceful solution to the crisis,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General,

Having reviewed the most recent developments in the situation,

DECIDES

1. To reiterate all its previous resolutions relating to its solidarity with the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and to support its efforts to find a peaceful solution to the crisis in the context of respect for the national sovereignty of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and for the principles of international law;

2. To support the Secretary-General's proposal that the two suspects should be judged equitably by the Scottish judges in conformity with Scottish law, and that their trial should take place at the seat of the International Court of Justice at The Hague, and to urge the Security Council to take this new and constructive proposal into consideration with a view to arriving at a peaceful settlement and avoiding any escalation which might exacerbate tension in the region;

3. To assign to the Secretary-General responsibility for monitoring the implementation of the present resolution.

Resolution No. 5373, dated 27 March 1994.